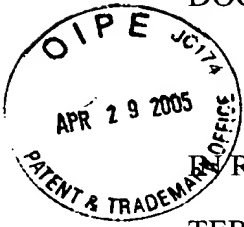


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SIR:

We incorporate a Notice of Non-Compliance under 35 U.S.C. 1.121 and our response.

The non-compliance involves improper numbering of the Claims.

The “**Amendments to the Claims**” section is being re-submitted, as well as
“**Remarks/Arguments**” and “**Detailed Action**” sections discussing the claims as
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